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Lieut: Generall Cromwells

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To the Honorable,
William Lenthall Esq; Speaker of the
House of Commons;

OF THE STORMING and TAKING Basing-House:

With the Marques of *Winchester*, Sir *Rob: Peak*
and divers other Officers of Quality, and all the
Ordinance, Ammunition, Arms and Provisions therein.

Together with an Order of the Commons in Parlia-
ment assembled, for a Day of Thanksgiving in the
Cities of *London* and *Westminster*.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That this
Letter and Order be forthwith printed and published:

H: Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed for *Edward Husband*, Printer to the Honorable H
of Commons, Octob. 16. 1645.

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LETTER

To the Honorable

William Earl of Shaftesbury; Speaker of the
House of Commons;

OF THE

STORMING and TAKING

Barrington House:

With the Measures of Winchester, Sir Rob: Park
and divers other Officers of Quality and all the
Officers of the Ordnance, Artillery and Provosts thereunto
Together with an Order of the Commons in Parli-
ament assembled, for a Day of Thanksgiving in the
Cities of London and Westminster.

Ordered by the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled, That this
Letter and Order be forthwith printed and published:
H: Ellijah, Cl. P. R. D. Com.

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of Commons, Oct. 16. 1647.





*Lieutenant Generall Cromwells Letter
to the Honorable William Lechall
Esq; Speaker to the Honorable house of
Commons.*

SIR,

Thank God I can give you a
good account of *Basing*: Af-
ter our Batteries placed, we
setled the severall posts for the
storm, Col: *Dalbier* was to be on the
North side of the house next the Grange,
Col. *Pickering* on his left hand, and Sir
Hardres Wallers, and Col: *Mountagues*
Regiments next him. VVe Stormed this
morning after six of the Clock. The sig-
nall for falling on, was the firing four of

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our Canon; which being done, our men
fell on with great Resolution and cheer-
fulnesse: We took the two houses with-
out any considerable losse to our selves:
Col: *Pickering* Stormed the new house,
passed through, and got the gate of the
old house; whereupon, they Summoned
a Parley, which our men would not hear:
In the mean time, Col: *Mountagues*, and
Sir *Hardres Wallers* Regiments, assaulted
the strongest works, where the Enemy
kept his Court of Guard, which with
great resolution they recovered, beating
the enemy from a whole culverin, & from
that Work; which having done, they
drew their Ladders after them, and got
over another Work and the house wall,
before they could enter in this: Sir *Har-
dres Waller* performing his duty with ho-
nour and diligence, was shot on the arm,
but

but not dangerous: VVe have had little
 losse; many of the Enemy our men put to
 the Sword, and some Officers of quality,
 most of the rest we have Prisoners, a-
 mongst which the Marques and Sir *Robert Peake*, with divers other Officers,
 whom I have Ordered to be sent up to
 you. VVe have taken about ten piece of
 Ordnance, much Ammunition, and our
 Souldiers a good encouragement. I hum-
 bly offer to you to have this place flight-
 ed, for these Reasons; It will ask Eight
 hundred men to man it, it is no frontier,
 the Countrey is poor about it, the place
 exceedingly ruined by our Batteries and
 Morter-pieces, and a fire which fell upon
 the place since our taking it. If you please to
 take the Garrison at *Farnham*, some out of
Chichester, and a good part of the Foot
 which were here under *Dalbier*, and
 make

make a strong quarter, at *Newbery* with three or four Troops of horse: I dare be confident, it would not only be a curb to *Dennington*, but a security and a Frontier to all these parts, inasmuch as *Newbery* lies upon the River, and will prevent any incursion from *Dennington*, *Wallingford*, or *Farringdon* into these parts, and by lying there will make the Trade most secure between *Bristol* and *London* for all Carriages: And I believe the Gentlemen of *Sussex* and *Hantsire* will with more cheerfulness contribute to maintain a Garrison on the Frontier, then in their bowels, which will have lesse safety in it.

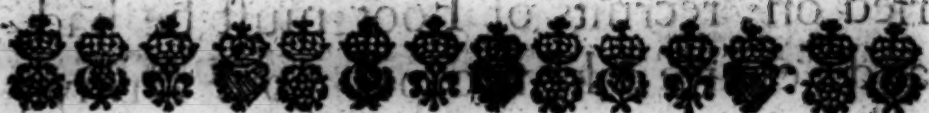
Sir I hope not to delay, but march towards the *West* to morrow, and to be as diligent as I may in my expedition thither: I must speak my judgement to you, that if you intend to have your work carried

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ried on, recruits of Foot must be had,
and a course taken to pay your Army;
else believe me Sir, it may not be able to
answer the work you have for it to do. I
entreated Coll: *Hamond* to wait upon
you, who was taken by a mistake whilst
we lay before this Garrison, whom God
safely delivered to us, to our great joy,
but to his losse of almost all he had which
the Enemy took from him. The Lord
grant that these mercies may be acknow-
ledged with all thankfulness; God ex-
ceedingly abounds in his goodnesse to
us, and will not be weary, untill righte-
ousnesse and peace meet, and that he hath
brought forth a glorious work, for the
happinesse of this poor Kingdom, where-
in desires to serve God and you with a
faithfull heart,

Basingstoke, Octo-
ber, 14. 1645.

Your most humble Servant,
OLIVER CROMVELL.



Octobr. 15. 1645.

ORdered by the Commons in Parliament assembled, That the next Lords day publique thanks be given unto Almighty God for his great mercies and blessings upon the Parliaments Forces under Lieutenant Generall Cromwell, and Col. Dalbier, for taking in Winchester Castle and Basing-house, in all Churches and Chappels in the Cities of London and Westminster, and within the Lines of Communication, And Alderman Pennington and Colonell Venn are appointed by this House to desire the Lord Major to give timely notice hereof to the Ministers of the Churches and Chappels within the Lines of Communication.

Hen. Ellynge Cler.
Parl. D. Com.

Yours most humble servant
OLIVER CROMWELL.

Basingstoke, Octo-
ber 14. 1645.

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The full and Last
RELATION,

Of all things concerning
BASING - HOUSE:

WITH,
Divers other Passages; represented to
to Mr. SPEAKER, and divers Members in
the House.

By Mr. PETERS, who came from
Lieutenant Generall CROMWELL.

ALSO,
How there are strange and hideous
Cries, heard in the ground.

*Commanded to be Printed, and published
according to Order.*

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R. J.*